

MAYOR QUIN

Has Opportunity to Assert Himself
and Rebuke the Machine
Leaders.

Promotion of Baker Charged to
Searcy-Chilton Crew For Elec-
tion Activity.

W. Overton Harris Still the Idol
of Democracy and Spirit
Remains.

GLOOMY INAUGURATION CROWD.

With the inauguration of Judge
Quin as Mayor on Tuesday came a
test which is sure to settle the
doubt in the mind of many citizens
as to whether Quin will be Mayor
in reality or will be the puppet of
the administration he guided by the
Searcy-Chilton machine. With that
test there is also linked a successful
prediction made in the columns of
the Kentucky Irish American last
Saturday. The following is taken
verbatim from that issue:

"On election day Sergeant Harry
Baker denied the rights of the vot-
ers to form two lines at Seventh
and Oldham and defied the Sheriff
to form two lines. The Democratic
captain insisting, was arrested. The
Mayor's Committee had Baker re-
moved from the polls. Four days
after the election the Board of
Safety made Baker a temporary
Lieutenant and when the public isn't
looking he will be made a perma-
nent Lieutenant for reward of ser-
vices to the Searcy-Chilton machine."

Extract from the Louisville Times
Monday afternoon, two days later:
"Police Sergeant H. M. Baker was
promoted to Lieutenant today by
the Board of Safety, filling the vac-
ancy caused by the demotion of
Lieut. Felix Allgeier. Baker is the
policeman whose activities at the
voting place at Seventh and Old-
ham streets was complained of by
the Mayor's Election Day Commit-
tee, which resulted in his being
transferred to another post of duty.
Baker and another policeman ar-
rested several Democratic election
workers at this corner."

Now, there's the test for Mayor
Quin right at the outset of his ad-
ministration. There is no question
as to Baker violating both the elec-
tion laws and his duties as a police-
man. Furthermore there is not the
slightest doubt that the Searcy-Chil-
ton machine elevated him because
of his political activities, and did it
one day previous to Quin's inaugu-
ration, just as the Kentucky Irish
American predicted, when the pub-
lic wasn't looking, or supposed to
be absorbed in the inaugural cer-
emonies. Now, if Mayor Quin is to
be Mayor he will immediately ask
for reconsideration of that appoint-
ment and summon the members of
the Mayor's Election Day Commit-
tee who were men of both parties,
and have their testimony in addi-
tion to the testimony of the elec-
tion officers and workers of that
precinct. If this appointment
stands without investigation then
the citizens of Louisville will know
that the Searcy-Chilton machine has
scored first blood in the fight as to
who will serve as head of this ad-
ministration. Mr. Mayor, the citi-
zens and taxpayers await your ac-
tion.

The Evening Post is still disin-
clined to agree with the suggestion
of the Kentucky Irish American that
the Democracy of Louisville look to
the party in the Legislature to give
us some relief from the domination
of the Searcy-Chilton machine. The
Post says "it is not exactly fair,
sportsmanlike to embarrass the
Quin administration with a 'ripper'
bill, but does not take into consid-
eration that it is the iniquitous
Searcy-Chilton machine to be reck-
oned with. The Post further said
that the Democrats have made an
enviable record for honest fighting;
that Mr. Harris received a majority
of 20,000 among the white vot-
ers, and the only dark vote was
the one solidarity vote of 27,000
negroes. And there the Post stops
in its review. It could be added
that Overton Harris was one of the
most aggressive and many fight-
ers that ever led a Democratic
ticket; the ticket was a strong one
from top to bottom; the organiza-
tion was a complete one and condi-
tions were excellent for victory, yet
the Democratic party could not win
and there's a strong and sufficient
reason.

The Searcy-Chilton machine will
always be able to defeat any oppo-
nent with similar conditions exist-
ing as long as the police depart-
ment is used as first aid to the
machine. The police in the recent
election rounded up and forced the
27,000 negroes to register and vote,
although the census shows that is a
fraudulent number entitled to vote.
The police collected graft from the
bootleggers and gamblers for the
Searcy-Chilton machine and saw to
it that they all worked for the Re-
publican ticket. The police on reg-
istration and election day refused to
disperse the strong-arm squads
brought here from other cities. The
police arrested Democrats, workers
at the suggestion of Republican lead-
ers. The police brow-beat men and
women at the supplemental registra-
tion. The police backed up and
supported the impudent and insult-

ing Republican challengers that
questioned the right of many Demo-
cratic men and women to vote, forc-
ing citizens of years' standing to
produce naturalization papers. This
is only a fair summary of what the
police did and what the police will
do as long as they are under the
control of the Searcy-Chilton ma-
chine.

The remedy lies in placing the
police department under civil ser-
vice rules, and when the police are
removed from political activities the
first step is taken toward fair and
honest elections. All the Mayor's
Election Day Committees in the
world can not prevent a corrupt
police department prostituting our
elections. The good people of both
parties must recognize the fact that
a police department under civil ser-
vice means much in every way and
whether a Democratic or Republican
Legislature makes the law it will
be doubly welcome. From a partisan
standpoint the Democratic
party of Louisville will never be
able to defeat the Searcy-Chilton
machine if the latter is allowed to
have an auxiliary of police political
workers, supplemented by boot-
leggers, gamblers and negroes. By
all means let's have the civil ser-
vice bill for police, call it "ripper"
or anything you please, and the
Louisville Democracy looks to the
State for that relief.

Judging from reports the Louis-
ville Herald is finding that many
of our good citizens resent the ma-
chine organ's style in the recent po-
litical campaign, when the Herald
narrowed the way for the Torch and
its accompanying filth. Religious
prejudice was injected in the cam-
paign boldly by the Searcy-Chilton
machine with the aid of the Herald
and the Torch, the police depart-
ment being accused of circulating
both. The storm of indignation
that swept the city, coming from
all fair-minded citizens, frightened
the Herald into stating daily that
its carriers were not distributing
the Torch, but did not apologize
for its own misdeeds. It is rumored
the Chicago owners of the Herald
have become aroused at the resent-
ment here against the local manage-
ment, and may place a staff here
not so subservient and willing a tool
to the Searcy-Chilton machine. In
a recent statement former Attorney
General James Garfield said that in
introducing religious prejudice in
a campaign a blow is being struck
at the very foundation of our Consti-
tution, which guarantees to every one
liberty and freedom of conscience
in matters of faith.

Contrast the two political gath-
erings of the past week. At the Tyler
Hotel Saturday night over 2,000
men and women assembled to pay
tribute to Overton Harris, a de-
feated candidate for Mayor, and to
renew their allegiance in a fight
for better government and cleaner
conditions in Louisville. An intelli-
gent and representative looking
crowd that knew they had fought
for a cause that was right. In the
next picture we have the crowd at
Quin's inauguration Tuesday. Out-
side of the office-holders and a few
leading Republicans over 60 per cent.
of the crowd was composed of
negroes, bootleggers, gamblers and
residents of the underworld. There
was no enthusiasm in the crowd;
the sleepy-eyed gamblers and boot-
leggers looked sullenly on, they hav-
ing fought with the Republican ma-
chine for four years more of graft.
Big black, gambler and dive-keepers were con-
spicuous in the crowd. They shoved
right and left, noisily telling those
around them how they put it over
for Quin and Reform. Long after
the ceremonies were over these
tough negroes lounged up and down
in front of the City Hall and Court
House with the air of "being boss
of dem white folks working in-
side."

The crowd was augmented by
many Keynote men, many of whom
had never seen a Mayor sworn in,
being recent newcomers from dis-
tricts where they don't have Mayors.
Chief Petty's supposed Police band,
composed of police and firemen, en-
hanced the ceremonies with that
same old "oompa oompa" tune that
they have been rehearsing for four
years, but they just can't get away
from that "Turkey in the Straw"
tune. It is not known whether
the new Chief of Police will con-
tinue the band or not. Many names
are being mentioned for Chief,
among them being C. J. Meddis,
Capt. Carroll, R. I. Fox and Tommy
Butler. There was one mystery at-
tached to the inauguration that re-
mains to be solved. Two big floral
barrages were sent to Quin la-
beled "From the Irish in Portland
and Limerick." No names were at-
tached and many are guessing as
to the identity of any Irish who
would confess that they worked
hand in hand with the Torch crowd.
Some guessed that they were boot-
leggers posing as Irish, while others
say that they may possibly be Irish
with a little conscience left.

SOME HARD TEST.

Try to draw a mental photograph
of a man, an Englishman, an An-
glican Bishop, Lord William Gas-
coyne-Coell, Bishop of Exeter. Since
he is a Methodist, we place him
amongst the Methodists. Reading the
following utterance, the Guardian
feels like giving him two heavy pat-
s on his dear little wrists. This awful
fellow badly well says:

"Many of our politicians and per-
haps ministers of religion are always
saying we must not put on the
brake, and when a maddened crowd
of half-starved people threaten to
destroy the order of the country we
must not maintain order by strong
measures. These strong measures
apparently include, if need be, the



right to kill. I always prayed and
hoped we should kill as few Ger-
mans as was necessary to win the
war, and I pray and hope that as
few Irish as is necessary will be
killed to uphold the British Em-
pire."

INVITES IRELAND'S FRIENDS.

Harry J. Boland, Envoy of the
Republic of Ireland, sent the fol-
lowing to the Kentucky Irish Ameri-
can, which we cheerfully present
to our readers:
"All American organizations in-
terested in Ireland's struggle for
independence are cordially invited
to attend the World Conference of
the Irish race, to be held at Paris
January 21, 1922, the third anni-
versary of the convoking of Dail
Eireann. I have also been asked to
announce that all members of the
Irish race are welcomed and the
limited time at the disposal of the
organizers prevents more particular
invitations. All anxious to take
part in the gathering will kindly
communicate their intention to do
so to Thomas Hughes Kelly, Secre-
tary Irish race convention, Grand
Hotel, Paris, France."

LEXINGTON.

Among the events of most inter-
est in the Bluegrass section was
the following issued the last of the
week at Lexington: Mrs. Edward C.
Keller announces the marriage of
her daughter Edna to John Scott
Yellman, Wednesday, November 15,
at Lexington. The marriage was
solemnized at St. Peter's church in
the afternoon, the Rev. William T.
Punch officiating. Only the two
families were present. The bride is
the daughter of Mrs. Edward C.
Keller. The groom is a young busi-
ness man, having been connected
with the Fayette National Bank for
several years. After the wedding
the couple left for a trip, and will
be at home on their return at an
apartment now being prepared for
them.

PAULIST CHOIR COMING.

The Paulist choir of New York
will give a pre-Christmas concert at
the Auditorium on Thursday, De-
cember 15. The chorists are well
remembered in Louisville for the
excellent concert they gave here in
1919, and the music loving people
are looking forward to the coming
concert with great pleasure. Louis-
ville is one of three cities included
in the choir's literary trip. John
Finagane will be one of the soloists
at the concert here, with seven
boy soloists to choose from for
the other individual singers. The
choristers have been augmented
since their last visit here, seventy-
four men and boys being with the
choir now.

"POCAHONTAS."

The presentation of "Pocahon-
tas," a pleasing comic opera, Sunday
evening at St. Xavier's Auditorium,
was greeted by a large and ap-
preciative audience. Each one of
the large cast did excellent work.
Two more performances will be
given.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA.

The Daughters of Isabella are
looking for a large and interesting
meeting at Knights of Columbus
Hall on the first Sunday in Decem-
ber. Nominees for the coming year
were announced at the semi-monthly
meeting, and great interest cen-
ters in the election, which takes
place December 4. Louisville Cir-
cle has had a most successful year.

IRELAND

Lloyd George Expresses Himself
Hopeful of Securing Agreement
With Craig.

Is Now Believed Peace With Ireland
Will Be Reached Before
Christmas.

Organization of Ulster Orange Army
Looked Upon as Serious
Crisis.

GEN. DECIE'S BRAGGART BOAST.

News from London continues fa-
vorable to the Irish Republic, not-
withstanding there were no confer-
ences this week. Denis O'Connell
cables from London that Premier
Lloyd George fully believes that
peace with Ireland will be reached
before Christmas. This information
came to him from a person in close
touch with Lloyd George. He re-
fused, however, to disclose the next
phase of the situation which
gives rise to the Premier's hope.
Lloyd George also sent a communi-
cation to Arthur Griffith, in which
he declared that prospect of an im-
mediate general election is totally
removed, and that he is hopeful
without abandoning any of the
principles laid down in his docu-
ment bearing the terms for settle-
ment of securing agreement with
Premier Craig.

Serious crisis in the Irish peace
negotiations is threatened by the
Sinn Fein discovery of a secret cir-
cular issued by Police Commissioner
Wickham, concerning the organiza-
tion of an Orange army for North-
east Ulster. Wickham is a crown
official and unless he acted on his
own initiative the inference is that
the British Government is involved.
The text of the circular was pub-
lished in the Irish Bulletin issued
in Dublin.

A "loyalist" meeting, held in Lon-
don Monday as a demonstration by
supporters of Ulster, adopted a re-
solution calling on the Government
to enter into no agreement on the
Irish question until Sinn Fein not
only swore allegiance to the throne
but gave effective proof of the real-
ity of such allegiance, and until
the idea of a separate army for Ire-
land was abandoned. The meeting
placed on record its "deep sense
of humiliation and regret" that
negotiations were taking place be-
tween the Government and persons
who were "steeped to the lips in an
expressed policy of assassination." The
resolution further called on the
Cabinet to reiterate its pledges
regarding the freedom of Ulster. It
also gave "its emphatic opinion that
any endeavor to persuade Ulster to
submit to an all-Ireland Parliament
would be a gross breach of faith
and a base betrayal of the nation's
honor."

Among the speakers were Col.
John Gretton, Henry Page Croft,
Brig. Gen. Decie, Lord Amphil and
other "die hards," who bitterly at-
tacked the Government's policy in
negotiating with the Sinn Fein de-
legates.
Brig. Gen. Decie, who commanded
the Crown forces in Limerick be-

fore the truce but who since then
has resigned, said the Irish had
learned during the war that the
British Government had not the
courage to deal with revolutionaries.
"The Indian revolution worked
from the same room in New
York as the revolution in Ireland,"
he declared. "Thrice we had the
Irish revolutionaries by the throat,
and thrice we were pulled off at
the moment when we were about
to apply the screw tighter. The Gov-
ernment made a truce and called
a conference with men, some of
whom are actually guilty of the
murder of my police. Ulster will
have to fight sooner or later, and
if I were there I would fight now."

JEREMIAH KAVANAGH.

The many friends here and all
over the United States, were sorry
when they learned of the death
Friday night of last week at his
home, 1346 South Sixth street,
of Mr. Jeremiah Kavanagh.
Surviving him are his widow, Mrs.
Mary Kavanagh; his son, Attorney
J. J. Kavanagh, and three daugh-
ters, Miss Mary Kavanagh, of this
city; Sister Collette, of St. Patrick's
Convent, Havelock, Neb., and Sister
Agnes, of Exeter, Neb. The fu-
neral took place Sunday afternoon
from St. Louis Bertrand's church,
at which there was a large attend-
ance of mourning relatives and
friends. The pallbearers were Judge
Matt O'Doherty, George W. Owens,
William J. Dealy, Norris Green, J.
G. Clifford and Redmond Stanton.
Mr. Kavanagh was born in County
Kerry, Ireland, ninety-one years
ago, coming to this country in 1830.
He spent some time in the East and
then came to Louisville, and for
over fifty years served as a super-
intendent in the mechanical depart-
ment of the Louisville and Nash-
ville railroad, his faithful services
winning for him the respect and
friendship of his superiors and fel-
low workers. Always 100 per cent.
American, he never forgot the land
of his birth, making several trips to
Ireland as a representative of his
fellow-countrymen, and enjoyed the
confidence of all the great Irish
leaders, from Michael Davitt to
John Redmond. Mr. Kavanagh was
known as a scholar, having devoted
his leisure time to various studies.
An upright citizen in every respect,
all who knew him had a warm re-
spect for him, and he was very loyal
to those whom he esteemed as his
personal friends, who feel his pass-
ing a loss.

PRAISES ARMS PARLEY.

Pope Benedict, in his allocution
delivered at Monday's secret con-
sistory, dealt with the subject of
disarmament, expressing pleasure at
the calling of the Washington Con-
ference now meeting in an effort to
reach an agreement for armament
reduction. In striving for the well-
being of the peoples through the
operation of reason and experience,
said the allocution, "it would be a
mistake to count alone on these
means and not invoke the aid of
God. For this reason we view with
pleasure how the representatives of
several nations have met in Wash-
ington with the aim of reaching an
agreement for the reduction of arm-
aments and not alone do we warmly
hope that their labors may have a
happy success, but unitedly, for the
good of all, we pray God that He
may aid them with light, that they
may determine not alone how to
fight the heavy burdens of the
peoples, which is no small thing,
but a thing which matters much
more—to make as remote as pos-
sible forevermore the dangers of
new wars."

The Vatican's relations with new
States and how the new agreements
were established between them and
the Holy See were recounted by His
Holiness. He deplored the unrest
observable in them, and added: "We
note with grief that the solemn
treaty of peace has not brought
about peace of mind."
All the Cardinals living in Rome
were in the consistory when the fol-
lowing Bishops were appointed: The
Right Rev. Thomas E. Molloy,
titular Bishop of Loria and admin-
istrator of the diocese of Brooklyn,
appointed Bishop of Brooklyn; the
Right Rev. Alexander J. McGavick,
titular Bishop of Maropolis, trans-
ferred to the vacant see of La-
fayette; the Right Rev. Joseph H.
Conroy, titular Bishop of Arindela
and administrator of the diocese of
Ogdensburg, transferred to the va-
cant see of Ogdensburg. The Pope
also officially announced the ap-
pointments which were made by
brief since the last consistory.

FRANKFORT.

Last week Miss Josephine Berk-
hart and Owen Caplinger were the
principals in a quiet wedding, which
was solemnized in the rectory of
the Rev. Father Edward Kloster-
man, pastor of the Church of the
Good Shepherd, Frankfort. Miss
Mary Caplinger, a sister of the
bridegroom, and Frank Gobber,
brother of the bride, were the at-
tendants. Miss Berkhart was dressed
in a crepe meteor satin of brown
and tangerine velvet hat. The cor-
set was of Mrs. Ward roses. Miss
Caplinger was also dressed in brown
with a hat of the same color and
wore a bouquet of Columbia roses.
Mr. and Mrs. Caplinger left for a
bridal trip in the East. On their re-
turn December 1 they will be with
the bride's parents for the winter.
The bride is the only daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berkhart.

FEARS NEW WAR SOON.

The Rev. Father Van der Vorst,
pastor of St. Augustine church at
Augusta, has returned after spend-
ing eight months in his old home
in Alost, Belgium. Father Van der
Vorst made the trip to get in touch
with his brothers and sisters from
whom he had heard since the out-
break of the war. He found his
relatives greatly aged from privation
and worry. He is quoted as saying
both Belgium and Holland are seeth-
ing with Socialism, and the predic-
tion is made there that Europe will
be engaged in another war within
two years, or within three years at
the most.

BISHOP DRUMM.

A letter from His Lordship Bis-
hop Drumm, now in Ireland, states
that he will leave Queenstown on
December 11 on the Scythia and
will be at home with his people for
Christmas. Writing from Palestine
the Bishop says he is fully prepared
to endorse and improve the slogan,
"See America first." He gives the
following advice:
"See America, first, last and all
the time. Keep away from Europe
unless you are well paid to go
there, and from Palestine if they
offer you the ownership of the
whole country, for you'll have to
pay duty on yourself going in, and
you'll have to leave a deposit for
your false teeth, eye glasses, field
glasses, cameras, etc., etc., and
you'll be lucky if you get back the
deposit on your way out."

HOME NEXT WEEK.

Miss Lillian Bishop and Carl Fes-
sel were married Thursday morn-
ing of last week at St. Mary's church,
New Albany, the Rev. W. F. Sie-
bert officiating. The attendants
were Miss Annetta Lamke and
Charles Bishop. Following the cer-
emony a reception was held at the
home of the bride's parents, after
which the bridal party departed on
their honeymoon trip to Indianap-
olis and Chicago. After December
1 they will be at home to their
friends at the home of the bride's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bis-
hop, 1405 Clubberton avenue.

HANCOCK ELECTED.

News that Elmer H. Hancock,
Vice President of the Louisville Var-
nish Company, had been elected
President of the National Varnish
Manufacturers' Association meeting
in Chicago, was received here with
expressions of gratification by his
many friends. Mr. Hancock is re-
garded as one of the leading men of
the industry. The national associa-
tion is composed of 125 varnish
manufacturers of this country.

MACKIN COUNCIL.

The members of Mackin Council
will receive holy communion in a
body at St. Charles. Borrowed
church tomorrow morning at the
7:30 o'clock mass in memory of
deceased members of the council.
Breakfast will be served after mass
in the school hall. The annual
election of officers will take place
Monday, December 5, and nomi-
nations will be made next Monday
evening. Friends of Leo Connelly,
who has been actively identified
with Mackin's athletic features,
have started a Presidential boom for
him and are now busy campaign-
ing.

ARCHBISHOP'S BIRTHDAY.

The most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes,
Archbishop of New York, last Sun-
day celebrated the fifty-fourth anni-
versary of his birth, receiving con-
gratulatory messages and telegrams
from all parts of the world. Arch-
bishop Hayes was born in New York
City. During the World War he was
the Ordinary for the American Cath-
olic army chaplains.

PATH TO RUIN

Opportunities Presented to Catholic
Girls to Preserve the Home
Spirit.

Remarkable and Very Deplorable
Tendency Observed in American
Life Today.

Evils Springing From Strenuous
Chase of Modern World After
Excitement.

INFECTS BOTH YOUNG AND OLD.

There is, a remarkable, and at
the same time, very deplorable ten-
dency to be observed in American
life today, writes Rev. A. Muntich,
S. J. It is that of breaking away
from the home, of seeking joy and
relaxation and comfort chiefly in
agencies which are inimical to the
preservation of the home spirit and
of the good, happy family life of
old. This wild desire of plunging
into all the new and frivolous pas-
times and pleasures provided by
modern civilization has infected
both young and old. For if the
parents are drawn from the home
by clubs and by society, the chil-
dren are lured to the movies, to
the play grounds and summer gar-
dens and excursions, which provide
so many pitfalls for the unwary
and in which so many go dancing
down the path that leads to spiri-
tual death and ruin.

The amusements that take the
younger generation from the healthy
influence of the home have prac-
tically all become "commercialized."
Their managers and organizers look
only to the money returns which
they can secure from their invest-
ments and from catering to the
youthful quest for pleasure. How
few of them ever think of elevating
the moral sense of the people, of
legitimate pastime, which entertains
without sowing the seeds of moral
leprosy in the mind? The first ob-
ject of the men in charge of the
palaces of pleasure in the large
cities, let us repeat it, is money.
The poor victims pay their contri-
butions to the manager, while the
home life and the health restoring
and uplifting relaxation and enjoy-
ment that used to be found by the
fireside and in the company of pa-
rents, friends and relations, are
scorched and the home is being un-
dermined.

But do those who turn their
backs upon the home really find
soul-satisfying happiness and the
recreation needed to keep up their
usual work by yielding to this spirit
which prompts them to flee to out-
side amusements? Is not one of
the results of this nervous nerve-
racking race for something new in
the line of pleasure, and for the
empty baubles and frivolities of a
sensational-seeking world, the lower-
ing of physical efficiency? Many
physicians admit that this is one of
the evils springing from the strenu-
ous pace of the modern world in
its chase after nerve-tingling excite-
ment. A German Bishop, Mgr.
Keppler, of Rottenburg, has well
expressed this condition when he
said that our age has "many pleas-
ures but little joy." Again, our
newspapers with their daily, dreary
quota of divorce and home trou-
bles, of family quarrels and domestic
tragedies, bring an indictment
against this unhappy spirit which is
causing so many to forget the home
and to seek their main distraction
outside its walls and far from the
family circle.

There were once so many splen-
did forms of amusement and of
recreation which acted like a tonic
to a mother weary with the day's
chores, to a father returning tired
from hours of toil, to children and
servants after the performance of
the day's task. So much genuine
pleasure and joy were once derived
from singing in the home. In fact
the word "folk-song" is still one of
our cherished words and a favorite
expression in our books of litera-
ture. But this is about all. Today
some young folks seem to think that
the only song worth hearing is the
one heard in the nickelodeon. Mu-
sic too, which Michael Angelo called
God's richest gift to mankind, and
once so much in vogue in the home,
no longer appeals to the votaries
of Vanity Fair. They care for it
only outside the home circle, even
though modern inventions have
brought the classic opera to the
very fireside.

The art of reading and of vocal
expression of the world's literary
masterpieces is seldom practiced in
homes. The daily newspapers and
the Sunday supplement with their
loud and sordid daubs, litter the
floor, and as they are inane and
insipid, soon become tiresome and
have no power to hold the reader at
home. Would it not be worth while
to practice the gentle art of reading
aloud for the benefit of other mem-
bers of the family? Conversation,
which should be like a healing
balm to soothe the tired mind and
troubled heart, has almost become
a lost art to those who break away
from the home and to those who
are happy only in the midst of the
maddening crowd. And yet what
precious boon, this gift of speech!
Holy Scripture extols the man whose
tongue speaks wisdom and who ex-
erts benign influence by his words.